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CURRENT TOPICS.

IT WILL BE OBSERVED, from the statement we print elsewhere, that the meeting of the Incorporated Law Society at Cambridge is not likely to suffer for want of topics for discussion. There are a dozen papers to be read, many of them on subjects of much present interest. The reception committee have provided an unusually attractive programme. With a dinner on Tuesday, a concert on Wednesday, and the choice of a cathedral or Newmarket Races on Thursday, no one will be able to say that his tastes have not been consulted.

NOTWITHSTANDING increased strictness in the enforcement of the rule that the Vacation Judge will hear such applications only during the long vacation as may require to be immediately and promptly heard, the vacation court business increases. About 300 matters were disposed of during the first eight vacation sittings of the present year, as against about 216 disposed of during the same period last year. On most days this year the Vacation Judge has sat until after six o'clock in order to dispose of the matters in his paper.

THE ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY RETURN, just issued, of receipts and payments in the several Divisions of the High Court of Justice, shows the cost of the administration of justice in the different branches of the High Court. The Chancery Division has always been supposed to afford a large surplus of profit, but on the face of this return an apparent loss is shown. The total receipts for fees, stamps, percentages, and brokerage during the year ending the 31st of March, 1879, was £243,524 10s. 7d. The total expenditure is set down at £305,579 12s. 7d. showing an apparent deficit of £62,055 2s. But in this total expenditure there are to be found such items as retiring annuities of judges (including pensions of our late Lord Chancellors, £5,000 per annum each) £20,885 11s. 4d., and "total payments for compensa-

tions, pensions, retiring annuities, and superannuation allowances of officers, £34,722 0s. 7d." There is also another item "salaries of judges (including salary of Lord Chancellor, £8,000 per annum) £63,000." Now, as the salaries of the judges of the Chancery Division, including £8,000 for the Lord Chancellor, only amount to £32,000, we presume that the unexplained £31,000 represents the salaries of the ordinary judges of the Court of Appeal, which amount to exactly that sum. Deducting from the apparent deficit of £62,055 2s. the two before-mentioned sums for chancellors' annuities, compensations, &c., and a proportionate part—say one-half—of the salaries of the judges of the appeal court, a balance of profit is shown. The Queen's Bench Division shows a profit; the amount of fees received being £36,263 3s. 4d., and the payments (including £4,792 5s. 10d. for "compensations and superannuation allowances," being £29,315 9s. 10d.; but in the two other Divisions the balance is the other way. In the Common Pleas Division the fees received amounted to £25,878 6s. 4d., and the payments (including £1,925 19s. 6d. for compensations, &c.), were £27,313 15s. 3d.; and in the Exchequer Division the fees amounted to £27,355 9s., and the payments to £31,352 6s. 7d. (including £5,651 14s. 3d., for compensations, &c.). In the Probate and Divorce Division the fees received were £150,727 6s. 1d., and the total expenditure (including £61,115 14s. 1d. for compensations, &c.) was £166,296 16s. 7d. In the Admiralty Court there was a serious loss. The fees received in the registry amounted to £8,100 17s. 10d., and the total expenditure (including £402 4s. 9d. for compensations, &c.), amounted to £13,613 18s. 6d. In all the Divisions of the High Court there was in the year covered by the return an increase of receipts amounting to £57,180 9s. 6d., of which amount £44,110 15s. 10d. was in the Chancery Division alone. The total receipts of all the Divisions of the High Court amounted to £491,849 13s. 2d., and the total expenditure to £590,346 1s. 1d., showing a deficit of £98,496 7s. 11d., against which sum there is to be set off £129,750 5s. 4d., charged in the expenditure for compensations and superannuations. We may add that in the highly lucrative office of Land Registry the receipts were £983 4s., being a decrease of £74 3s.; and the expenditure was £6,039 13s. 8d.

THE PRACTICE of passing temporary Acts is of very long standing. For instance, both the Statute of Frauds (which was made perpetual by 1 Jac. 2, c. 17, s. 5), and the Statute of Distributions (which was originally a seven years' Act, and after being twice continued, was made perpetual by the same Act of 1 Jac. 2, c. 17, s. 5), were temporary statutes, and in 1808 it was enacted by 48 Geo. 3, c. 106, that "when bills for continuing expiring Acts shall not pass before the Acts expire, such Acts shall be continued from their expiration, except as to penalties." It was not until 1863, however, that an "Expiring Laws Continuance Act" (26 & 27 Vict. c. 57), grouped the expiring Acts in one continuing statute and schedule. Moreover, up to 1875, the continuation was, generally speaking, up to a day fixed, and up to the end of the then next session of Parliament. The Expiring Laws Continuance statute for the present year, like its immediate predecessors, continues the expiring Acts up to the end of the next year, i.e., till the 31st December, 1880. The schedule contains twenty-two Acts, many of them familiar friends, such as 3 & 4 Vict. c. 89, which grants to stock-in-trade an exemption from poor rates, and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 87, which prohibits prosecutions for Sunday trading, except with the consent of the Attorney-General. Less known, perhaps, is the Militia Ballot Suspension Act (28 & 29 Vict. c. 46), the omission of which would render all male persons of a certain age liable to serve in the militia or provide substitutes. The Petroleum Act of 1871 has disappeared from the schedule, that Act having been at last made perpetual

by the Petroleum Act of 1879. The Railway Commissioners (the Act regulating whom appeared in the schedule last year) are continued by a separate Act of their own, called the Regulation Act, 1873 and 1874, Continuance Act, 1879, until December, 1882. Similarly, the Endowed Schools Acts are continued until December, 1882, and the Corrupt Practices Act until December, 1880, by separate statutes of the present session. Next year a very important "expiring" statute will have to be dealt with—we mean the Ballot Act, 1872, which, by section 33, is expressed to "continue in force till the 31st of December, 1880, and no longer, unless Parliament shall otherwise determine."

THERE IS A CURIOUS little Act of last session, remitting debts due in respect of loans made by the Exchequer Loan Commissioners and the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and setting forth in the schedule, with much fulness of detail, the reasons for each of the remissions. Among the objects for which the loans were originally made we find several churches, two or three roads, and a loan of £1,500 "advanced in 1818 to W. Pittock, of Deal, to assist him in catching and curing herrings." Mr. Pittock, appears to have found the herrings intractable, notwithstanding the assistance of the commissioners; for, we regret to observe it stated that "after re-payment of some instalments he became bankrupt, and a portion only of the balance was recovered."

SOME INDICATION of the condition of the mercantile classes is afforded by the return of the receipts and expenditure of the Court of Bankruptcy. For the year ending the 31st of March, 1879, the total receipts were £136,755 3s. 11d., being an increase of £16,902 19s. 8d. upon those of the previous year.

It is stated that the Bar of England propose to entertain Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., at dinner in the Hall of the Middle Temple, in which hall he kept his terms and was called to the bar.

The Autumn Circuit Court for the three south-western counties of Scotland was held on Tuesday week. There were no cases from any of the counties. Provost Shortridge presented a pair of white gloves to Lord Craighill, who expressed his gratification at the absence of crime in the district, and in the country generally. At his first circuit in Dumfries, three years ago, he had a similar presentation.

At an inquest at Hereford on Saturday on the body of a married woman, the jury deliberated, and after a short time asked to be allowed to retire. They were then taken in charge by the sergeant-at-mace and locked up. After half-an-hour's deliberation, a jurymen came out with a verdict, which the coroner would not accept. The Jurymen: Do I understand that we are to stop here all night without meat, drink, or fire?—The Coroner: Yes.—The Jurymen: Then, I think we are agreed. Another half-hour passed, and then a jurymen said there were eleven for a verdict and one against.—The Coroner said they must carry the other man with them. At 9.40 p.m. the Foreman said the dissenting jurymen would not give in—not if he stopped there a month. The Coroner then called the jury in and pointed out the features in the evidence again. The eleven were now getting angry with the dissentient (Mr. Hart).—A Jurymen: What do you think of it now, Mr. Hart?—Mr. Hart: I am of the same opinion as before.—The Coroner: If there is no chance of your agreeing I must bind you over to appear at the assizes.—A Jurymen: We have decided by a majority before in this room.—Another: It has been done by "tossing." Mutual recriminations then took place, and the dissentient told the others, "There are eleven dogs and one bone." At 10.15 p.m. a compromise was effected, the eleven giving in to the one, and passing a verdict that deceased came to her death by spinal apoplexy, brought on by excitement; but the eleven added a rider to the verdict that the cause of death was the husband.

THE SUMMARY JURISDICTION ACT, 1879. I.

THIS important statute comes into operation on the 1st of January next, and a clear understanding of it will soon be absolutely necessary to every person engaged in the administration of the criminal law of England. We have already briefly noticed the Act, but we propose now to go through the various provisions *seriatim*. We would first, however, say a few words as to the general scope of the statute.

In respect of consolidation not very much is effected. The Small Penalties Act of 1865 and the Acts 10 & 11 Vict. c. 82, and 13 & 14 Vict. c. 37, relating to the summary jurisdiction over juvenile offenders and petty larcenies are repealed and re-enacted; but, with the exception of one short sentence, the whole of Jervis' Act (11 & 12 Vict. c. 43), the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1848, and the whole of the Act 20 & 21 Vict. c. 43, as to statement of cases for the High Court, are retained. We observe that this omission to consolidate has already caused some dissatisfaction to the members of the Trade Union Congress, and we think that it is to be regretted. Probably the extremely frequent incorporation of the Act of 1848 into general statutes caused the difficulty, and as the Act has been presented to Parliament in different shapes in three successive sessions it is almost too late to complain.

With regard to amendments of procedure and substance, we observe that Mr. Saunders, in his valuable edition of the statute, enumerates no less than twenty "new and useful provisions." The more important amendments in substance are:—(1) The extension of the power of justices to mitigate punishments; (2) the conferring of power to allow time for the payment of fines, and to allow fines to be paid by instalments; (3) the extension of summary jurisdiction in the case of juvenile offenders and trivial offences; (4) the establishment of a general right of appeal. The more important amendments of procedure are:—(1) The establishment of a general procedure on appeal to be applicable to all future statutes as of course, and to all past statutes at the option of the appellant; and (2) the regulation of warrants of distress. It will readily be believed that these and other reforms—which have been compressed into fifty-five sections of moderate length—have been accomplished by language which it requires the utmost care to understand properly, with reference to the general statutes and the numberless particular statutes with which it has to be read.

But let us now turn to the detailed consideration of the Act, and we think that the best way of doing so is to deal with the sections in their order, taking the amendments of substance first and the amendments of procedure afterwards.

The 4th section, which deals with mitigation of punishment, is a very general one. It enacts that where the court "has authority under this Act, or under any other Act, whether past or future," to impose imprisonment or a fine, the court may impose the imprisonment without hard labour "and reduce the prescribed period thereof, or do either of such acts," and in the case of a fine, "if it be imposed as in respect of a first offence," may reduce the prescribed amount thereof. The Act 27 & 28 Vict. c. 110, which prohibited justices from mitigating certain minimum penalties, is repealed, and the minimum fine in respect of a first offence becomes a thing of the past. There is a saving (Sect. 52), for penalties "under any Act relating to her Majesty's regular or auxiliary forces"—for the benefit, we presume, *inter alios*, of those keepers of victualling houses who should happen to refuse to receive soldiers billeted upon them: see Army Discipline, &c., Act, 1879, s. 10. But the Act, by section 53, applies (as Jervis' Act did not) to proceedings under the Revenue Acts, under which it has been usual (see, for instance, 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 53, s.

78) to provide that penalties may not be mitigated to less than one-fourth. An instance of the minimum penalty for the second offence may be found in the Licensing Act, 1874, s. 12, repealing the 67th section of the Licensing Act, 1872, and providing also that in no case "shall the penalty, whether of excise or police, be reduced in any case to less than the minimum authorized by any other Act," a provision now impliedly repealed. Inasmuch as the imposition of a lesser penalty than the minimum required makes an entire conviction invalid (see *Whitehead v. Regina*, L. R. 7 Q. B. 582), this reform, apart from any other reasons, is a very proper and useful one. It only remains to observe, on this part of the subject, that power is also given to impose a fine in lieu of imprisonment, where the imposition of imprisonment is compulsory, as in the case of the Vagrancy Act (5 Geo 4, c. 83).

The 5th section is merely a re-enactment, with variations, of the Small Penalties Act, 1865, whereby the period of imprisonment in default of distress is limited according to a scale varying with the amount of fine ordered to be paid, the new scale being more favourable to the prisoner, and fixing a maximum term of imprisonment of three months.

The 6th section enacts that a sum recoverable before a court of summary jurisdiction, *on complaint and not on information*, is to be deemed to be a civil debt, and if recovered before the court itself shall be recovered in the manner pointed out by section 35. Turning to this section, we find that it abolishes the issue of warrants for non-appearance in the case of proceedings to recover such civil debts, and also abolishes imprisonment in case of non-payment, unless it be proved that the person making default "either has, or has had since the date of the order" for the payment of the money, "the means to pay"; and, further, that even in that case the court is to have the power of imprisonment given to a county court under the Debtors Act, 1869, and no greater power. The broad distinction drawn here between a complaint and information—which terms are in Jervis' Act, except the 1st section, used indiscriminately ("information or complaint")—may give rise to some little trouble; but we should imagine that wherever a particular statute uses the word "offence," the proceeding in respect of it is an information, and that the word "complaint" is restricted to proceedings of a quasi-civil character, as those under the Bastardy Acts.

The 7th section is a very useful one. It provides that the court, when ordering a sum of money to be paid, "may do all or any of the following things"—allow time, direct payment by instalments, and direct that the person liable to pay may give to the satisfaction of the court, "or of such other court of summary jurisdiction or such person as may be specified by that court," security in the manner provided by section 23—that is, by deposit of money, or by acknowledgment that the sum is due. We have no doubt that in very many cases justices have abstained from imposing penalties adequate to the offences proved—as, for instance, in cases of selling watered milk—from a desire to keep the offender out of prison. Now such leniency will no longer be necessary, and the recurrence of the periodical payment will keep the offender well in mind of his offence. The provision that the security may be to the satisfaction of some other court seems a little cumbrous, and we should hope that it will not be resorted to except in very peculiar cases.

Passing over the 8th section, which dispenses with an order for costs in case of five-shilling fines, we come to the "enforcing of recognizances" elaborately provided for by section 10. The opening paragraph seems somewhat obscure. It runs thus:—

Where a recognizance is conditioned for the appearance of a person before a court of summary jurisdiction, or for his doing some other matter or thing to be done in, to, or before a court of summary jurisdiction, or in a proceeding in a court of summary jurisdiction, such court, if the

said recognizance appears to the court to be forfeited, may declare the recognizance to be forfeited, and enforce the payment of the sum due under such recognizance in the same manner as if the sum were a fine adjudged by such court to be paid which the statute provides no means of enforcing, and were ascertained by a conviction. . . .

The paragraph goes on to provide, perhaps with an excess of leniency, that the forfeiture may, "at any time before the sale of goods under a warrant of distress," be mitigated or cancelled upon the person liable giving further security.

The next section, which provides for "summary trial of children for indictable offences," opens quite a new subject, which we propose to deal with in a future article.

Legislation of the Year.

ARMY DISCIPLINE AND REGULATION.

CAP. 33.—AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINE AND REGULATION OF THE ARMY.

This Act, which contains 181 sections and five schedules, is prefaced by an elaborate index showing the "arrangement of sections, with references to the corresponding provisions of the Mutiny Acts, Articles of War, and Enlistment Acts." We cannot find any repeal of the Enlistment Acts (30 & 31 Vict. c. 34, and 33 & 34 Vict. c. 67), nor of the Regimental Debts Act, 1863, nor of the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, so that the Act is not a perfect military code, although it is of course an enormous improvement upon the state of things, even if the mere diminution in the bulk of future statute books is taken into account.

It would be impossible, in our limited space, to give anything like a *résumé* of that portion of the statute which deals with the internal regulation of the army by the military authorities, but it is well to direct attention to some of the numerous duties which the Act throws upon the justices of the peace. These differ little, if at all, from those under the annual Mutiny Acts, but now that they are thrown into a permanent shape, those, at any rate, which affect the civil population may be expected to give rise to controversy. The whole of Part 3, for instance, which refers to "billeting and impressment of carriages," may be studied with advantage by the practitioner. Here we learn (section 100) of the duties of constables to provide billets; of the liability of the occupier of every inn and victualling house to comply with the requisition, under a penalty (section 107); of the power of a justice of the peace to grant redress to persons feeling aggrieved by having an undue proportion of soldiers billeted upon them, and of the annual list of keepers of victualling houses liable to billets by the "police authority," and of the power (section 110) of quarter sessions to increase the rates fixed by the fourth schedule to the Act to be paid for the carriages impressed—rates which may with advantage be compared with those fixed for conveyance by rail under 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85, s. 12. Other portions of the Act which should be noticed are those (section 92) which enable a master to claim an apprentice who has enlisted, by applying to justices of the peace, if the apprentice be under twenty-one; the licensing of canteens under section 167, the exemption of soldiers from civil process by section 138, and the liability of the soldier to maintain his wife and children, "to the same extent as if he were not a soldier," under section 139.

It remains to notice that the Act is not to come into force "except in pursuance of an annual Act of Parliament to be hereafter passed" (see section 3), and that it remains in force until the 30th of April, 1880, by virtue of a separate statute passed the same day and called the "Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Act, 1879." This latter statute, and not the Army Discipline Act itself, contains the well-

known preamble of the annual Mutiny Acts that a standing army, "unless it be with consent of Parliament, is against law." It also contains a schedule of maximum charges for billeting, framed upon section 66 of the Mutiny Act, under which, however, the charges were fixed. It is not, however, stated by whom the actual charges are to be fixed, and it might be argued that the words "maximum price," in the second column of the schedule, ought to be rejected as insensible.

CHILDREN'S DANGEROUS PERFORMANCES.

CAP. 34.—AN ACT TO REGULATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN PLACES OF PUBLIC AMUSEMENT IN CERTAIN CASES.

This Act will, we think, be considered sufficiently stringent by the public. It provides that "any person who shall cause any child under the age of fourteen years to take part in any public exhibition or performance, whereby, in the opinion of a court of summary jurisdiction, the life or limbs of such child shall be endangered," shall, "for each offence," be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds. It will be observed that the court has absolute jurisdiction to decide whether the performance be dangerous or not, and the words "any public exhibition," &c., are of course wide enough to include everything which the framers of the Act intended. The exhibition, however, to come within the Act, must be "public," and there is nothing to prevent young children being trained in private in anticipation of their arriving at the age when they may legally display their prowess to the world. The Act further provides that the parent or guardian of the child, if aiding or abetting, shall be liable to the penalty also; and the employer of a child to whom actual bodily harm is caused "shall be liable to be indicted as having committed an assault," while "the court before whom such employer is convicted on indictment shall have power of awarding compensation not exceeding twenty pounds, to be paid by such employer to the child." The burden of proof that the child is above fourteen is to lie on the employer. There is no power of appeal given by the Act to the employer against the sentence of the court of summary jurisdiction, and here the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879, will not come to his aid; for although section 19 of that Act, which gives a general right of appeal, applies to past as well as future Acts, it only applies to a sentence of imprisonment without the option of a fine, and the "Children's Dangerous Performance Act, 1879," confers upon justices the power to fine only.

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS.

CAP. 77.—AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACTS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS, &c.

The principal provision of this Act is contained in the 2nd section, which fixes a minimum rate of interest for loans by the direction that where the rate is at present less than five per cent. it is to have added to it "such other rate as may be necessary in the judgment of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in order to enable the loans to be made without loss to the Exchequer." The Public Works Loans Act, 1875, it will be remembered, provides that "every loan shall bear interest at a rate not less than the rate authorized by a special Act relating to such loan; or if no rate be authorized, not less than five per cent.," and it appeared, when the present statute was passing through Parliament, that the rate of interest stipulated for had been rather too lenient of late years. The Act also (section 3) limits the amount to be advanced to any one borrower to one hundred thousand pounds, and (section 6) adds, "companies established for the purpose of constructing improved dwellings for the labouring classes" to the list of authorized recipients of loans. Upon reference to the schedule of the Act of

1875, we find the existing "works for the purposes of which the commissioners may lend money" are baths, burial grounds, river conservancy, docks, harbours, town improvement, labourers' dwellings, lighthouses, lunatic asylums, police-stations, prisons, libraries, school-houses, waterworks, workhouses, and "any work for which a sanitary authority are authorized to borrow under the Public Health Act, 1875."

General Correspondence.

EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS CONVICTION.

[To the Editor of the Solicitors Journal.]

Sir,—You lately drew attention (p. 849) to the Summary Jurisdiction Act of last session. I wish now specially to bring under your notice section 22, paragraph (2), relating to evidence of matters entered in the register there referred to, and particularly to the last clause of the paragraph. Having this before you, I would point to the recent case of the *London School Board v. Harvey* (27 W. R. 783, also L. R. 4 Q. B. D. 451, but not so fully reported), where it was held that, in a proceeding for a second non-compliance with a magistrate's order for school attendance, the first conviction could be proved without production of a copy of the conviction signed by the clerk of the peace or other officer of the quarter sessions; the production of the minute-book of the court being held sufficient. This case appears to be in conflict with *Giles v. Siney* (13 W. R. 92; not quoted apparently in the above case), decided on the Vagrant Act. It is deserving of notice that in the earlier case no counsel appeared to support the affirmative of the minute-book being sufficient evidence, and, in the later, none appeared to support the contrary view, and that Cockburn, C.J., was a member of the court in each case. There is, it is true, an enactment (section 17) in the Vagrant Act similar to the enactments of 11 & 12 Vict. c. 43, s. 14, and 34 & 35 Vict. c. 112, s. 18, referred to in the recent case; but whether these provisions be contained in the Act under which the proceeding is had, or in Acts of general application, can surely make no difference.

Now, having called your attention to these two cases, it must be a matter of some interest to know what is the effect of the enactment of the Summary Jurisdiction Act above noticed; I confess myself at fault here.

A. J. W.

A telegram from Leipzig states that the Imperial Tribunal of Justice, which has been instituted there was solemnly opened on Wednesday. Dr. Friedberg, Secretary of State at the Law Office of the Empire in Berlin, was present, and delivered an address, in which he described the day's ceremony as the crowning of the edifice of the great work of judicial reform, and paid a tribute of gratitude to the Superior Tribunal of Commerce for its efforts in bringing about this result. He expressed a hope that the Imperial Tribunal would prove to be the strong rock of German law. Dr. Friedberg then swore in the president, Dr. Simson, and the Chief Imperial Prosecutor, Dr. Seckendorff, after which Dr. Simson tendered the oaths of office to the councillors of the court. Dr. Simson subsequently made a speech, in which he spoke of the unity of law as forming, side by side with the systems of a united army, foreign policy, and trade, the fourth pillar in the edifice of German unity. He said the Imperial Tribunal in Leipzig would aim at strictly guarding the rights of the people, and preserving the unity of the Fatherland from any chance of being broken up. The Imperial Advocates were then sworn in by the Chief Prosecutor, who also delivered an address, to which Judicial Councillor Dern replied on the part of the advocates. Dr. Simson closed the proceedings by a call for cheers for the Emperor, to which a most enthusiastic response was made.

Revising Barristers' Decisions.

City of London (Mr. C. J. WILLIAMSON).

Sept. 24.—AMENDMENT OF INCORRECT ADDRESS.—The REVISING BARRISTER said he had considered the objections raised by the Conservatives in a large number of cases to the abode of the voter, and with respect to which he was asked to state a case for a higher court. The question whether the revising barrister could touch the address had been already argued before the Court of Common Pleas and decided under the old Act; but under the present Act, if an address were incorrect, he had the power to amend it, provided the proper address could be supplied. The Act made it very clear that in the absence of the proper address, whether the voter was objected to or not, he ought to expunge the name, but to prevent surprise he could not do that without notice. By means of the objections raised due notice had been given to the voters, and he thought Mr. Hughes was perfectly justified in the course he had taken, because the addresses on the lists in many instances were insufficient to enable him to find the voters, who were therefore bound to give their correct addresses.

Sept. 24.—INSERTION OF QUALIFICATION FOR SUCCESSIVE OCCUPATION, NOT CLAIMED FOR.—Mr. Hughes pointed out that many objections had been taken because the parties had not resided within the limits for the requisite period, and had not claimed for successive occupation. It frequently happened that those gentlemen only came from another part of the city and had really a good qualification if the two addresses were given. The section of the Act bearing on the point was as follows: "Where the matter stated in the list or claim, or proved to the revising barrister in relation to any alleged right to be on any list, is in the judgment of the revising barrister insufficient in law to constitute a qualification of the nature or description stated or claimed, but sufficient in law to constitute a qualification of some other nature or description, the revising barrister, if the name is entered in a list for which such true qualification in law is appropriate, shall correct such entry by inserting such qualification accordingly; and in any other case shall insert the name with such qualification in the appropriate list, and shall expunge it from the other list, if any, in which it is entered." He wished to ask if the court, under these new powers, would feel justified in inserting the second address in the fourth column, because, if not, it would be needless to ask the gentlemen concerned to come up. He thought the court had the power referred to; at any rate, the section might be read in that way.

The REVISING BARRISTER said he could not introduce a new qualification; all he could do was to see that the qualification was sufficiently identified. If he were to put in an additional address he should be importing a new element in the qualification, which he had no power to do. The whole thing depended upon the questions of law and fact—he could alter in the one case and not in the other. In other words, he could not supply a new qualification, which he should be doing if he adopted the suggestion of Mr. Hughes.

Sept. 26.—CLAIMING IN ONE PARISH WHILE QUALIFICATION WAS IN ANOTHER PARISH.—TRANSFER OF NAME.—A voter had claimed for one parish while his qualification was in an adjoining parish.

Mr. Hughes suggested that the name should be transferred to the proper list, both parishes being in the same polling district. He contended that the court had power under the new Act to make the transfer.

The REVISING BARRISTER pointed out that there had been no publication of the claim as required by the statute.

Mr. Hughes asked what was the object of the Act if it did not meet a case of this kind.

The REVISING BARRISTER replied that if the Act met a case of this kind what was the use of publication at all. It seemed to him that Mr. Hughes argued that it was a matter of indifference whether the claim was published in the right parish or not.

Mr. Hughes said that the court had power to amend any claim in the way proposed.

The REVISING BARRISTER admitted that that was so if the proper form had been gone through; but in this case there

had been an omission to publish the claim at the proper place—an omission which he could not overlook when asked to transfer the name to another list.

Mr. Hughes argued that the meaning of the Act was this: if a claimant established his right to vote, the revising barrister was bound to place his name upon the list.

The REVISING BARRISTER said that was assuming there had been a proper publication of the claim, but in this instance there had not been, and an intending objector might be misled. He disallowed the claim.

Sept. 26.—OCCUPATION AS TENANT.—The name of Mr. J. Marchant, 116, Lower Thames-street, was objected to on the ground that he was not a tenant in the sense required by the Act. The claimant said he and Mr. Pickford occupied the shop between them, and he paid that gentleman a rental for the user of 15s. per week. There was no division in the shop.

Mr. Smith said Mr. Pickford could shut the door upon the claimant at any time because it was really his shop. The claimant had merely a permissive occupation, and not that kind of independent occupation contemplated by the Act, which expressly stated "separately occupied for the purpose of any trade." Mr. Marchant was not a partner, and had no part of the premises assigned to him.

The claimant said he formerly occupied the whole shop, though he was now only Mr. Pickford's tenant.

The overseer having pointed out that Mr. Seemen was rated for the entire building,

The REVISING BARRISTER said that settled the question. Mr. Marchant evidently did not occupy as tenant, but only had an easement. The name must be struck out.

Rothbury (Mr. TREVELLYAN).

Sept. 27.—PROOF OF SERVICE OF OBJECTIONS.—Notices of objection had been forwarded through the post-offices in an envelope.

Mr. Forster (Liberal agent) contended that the statute had been complied with by his having posted them in duplicate.

Mr. Brummell (Conservative agent) argued that the envelope was no part of the notice.

Mr. Forster then put in the stamped duplicates as proof of service, and submitted that that was sufficient.

Mr. Brummell produced the notices of the objections themselves, but without the envelope in which they had been received, maintaining that these did not correspond with the duplicates of his friend.

Mr. Forster claimed that the very production of these notices was sufficient proof of the service of the objections.

The REVISING BARRISTER having expressed his opinion that the posting of the objection had been proved, but not their delivery,

It was proved by the Conservative agent that in three cases there was no direct postal delivery at the houses of the persons objected to.

The REVISING BARRISTER held that in these cases the Liberal agent had failed to prove service within the legal time, and the objections were quashed. A case was asked for and granted.

Liverpool (Mr. COLLINS).

Sept. 29.—OCCUPIER'S NAME NOT IN RATE-BOOK.—Persons occupying one room of a house claimed to be placed upon the parliamentary and municipal register, though not themselves rated for the hereditament.

The REVISING BARRISTER said that the question arose for the first time since the Act of last year came into operation. Both he and Mr. McConnell, the other revising barrister, had considered the cases very carefully, and were of opinion that the applicants were entitled to be put upon the register. By section 19 of the Poor Rate Assessment Act, 1869, as now interpreted by section 14 of the Parliamentary and Municipal Registration Act, overseers were bound to enter in the rate-book the name of the occupier of every rateable hereditament, whether the rate was collected from the owner or the occupier, and every such occupier should be deemed duly rated for any qualification or franchise depending upon the payment of the poor rates. This section was of general

application, and it followed therefore that if part of a house was a rateable hereditament the occupation of which for the requisite period was capable of conferring the franchise, the fact that the occupier had not been rated in respect of it would work no disqualification.

Marylebone (Mr. A. BATHURST).

Sept. 27.—**INCORRECT DESCRIPTION OF FLOOR ON WHICH ROOMS SITUATE.**—In several cases the claimants had not correctly described the floor upon which their rooms were situated.

The REVISING BARRISTER allowed the claims, and said there was no law requiring a person to define the floor upon which he lived in a particular way. What some called the first floor others would call the second floor. He hoped the law on the point would either be altered or more clearly explained.

Lambeth (Mr. ARBUTHNOT).

Oct. 1.—**QUALIFICATION OF OTHER DESCRIPTION THAN THAT CLAIMED.**—Mr. Henry May claimed for a dwelling-house at No. 66, Paradise-walk, Lambeth. Upon being questioned it appeared that the claimant occupied rooms at the above address, and that other persons occupied other rooms in the house, the landlord, who resided next door, paying the rates.

The REVISING BARRISTER doubted whether he could allow the claim, as it was impossible, unless a claim was rightly made, to institute proper inquiries into the case.

Mr. Dixon (Conservative agent) submitted that under the 12th sub-section of the 28th section of the Act of last year the revising barrister had power to alter the description so as to allow the claim. He thought it would be very hard that the claim should be disallowed, as last year the applicant claimed as a lodger, but the fact of the landlord residing away from the premises made his claim wrong. This year he had claimed for a dwelling-house, which he submitted was a proper description under the new Act.

The REVISING BARRISTER ultimately decided that he would allow all such claims, and amend them so as to make them all "dwelling-houses."

Hackney (Mr. A. BATHURST).

Oct. 1.—**LODGERS.**—The question of what constituted a lodger was raised, Mr. Hilton remarking that it seemed that practically there were no lodgers now.

The REVISING BARRISTER: My view is this: If a man occupies a room in a house, he is a householder; it is only when a person is living in furnished rooms that he can be regarded as a lodger.

Mr. Mansfield: Then supposing this hall were cut up into rooms, and each let to a separate person, each would be regarded and would rank as a householder, and not as a lodger?

The REVISING BARRISTER: That is so.

Lord Justice Brett will be the judge on the North and South Wales Circuit, whereon the winter assizes will be held at Chester and Swansea.

Mr. Irving Browne, the author of the valuable and interesting work entitled "Short Studies of Great Lawyers," has undertaken the editorship of the *Albany Law Journal*.

The death is announced at Edgerston, near Jedburgh, of Mr. Oliver Ratherford, the oldest member on the list of the Scottish Faculty of Advocates. He was called to the bar in 1803, and died in the ninety-ninth year of his age. Until about twelve years ago he held the office of sheriff of the county of Roxburgh.

At the annual meeting of the Salford Hundred Licensing Committee, on Saturday, the chairman (Mr. Higgin, Q.C.) said it was a solemn fact that under the Licensing Act the committee should be bound to require persons to attend that court merely to state that their licenses were not opposed. He was of opinion that only such cases as were opposed should be brought before the committee.

Societies.

INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY.

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE, 1879.

Programme of Proceedings.

Tuesday, October 7, 11 a.m.—Meeting in the small room at Guildhall, Cambridge. The president, Mr. N. T. Lawrence, will preside, and address the meeting. Papers contributed by members of the society will be read and discussed. 1.30 p.m.—Meeting will adjourn for luncheon. 2.30 p.m.—Meeting resumed for business till 4.30. 6.45 p.m.—Dinner in large room at Guildhall, at which the members of the Incorporated Law Society attending the meeting will be entertained by the Cambridgeshire Law Society.

Wednesday, October 8, 11 a.m.—Meeting resumed when the reading of papers and the discussion thereon will be continued until 4.30 p.m., with the exception of an interval of adjournment between 1.30 and 2.30 p.m. 8 p.m.—Concert in large room at Guildhall, given by the Cambridgeshire Law Society to the president and members of the I. L. S. (U.K.). A plan of the room will be placed in the council chamber, and members who have accepted the invitation are requested to select their seats on Tuesday, when tickets will be handed to them in exchange for their cards of invitation. There will be a few seats available for ladies, friends of members. Applications for such seats may be sent to the reception committee on or before October 4.

On Thursday, October 9, conveyances will leave the Guildhall, Cambridge, at a time to be announced for the accommodation of a limited number of members wishing to attend the Newmarket Races.

Railway tickets will also be provided for a limited number desiring to visit Ely Cathedral.

N.B.—Members wishing to attend either of the above excursions should immediately intimate their desire to do so to the reception committee.—Tickets will be allotted according to priority of application.

Arrangements will be made to enable members to visit the various places of interest connected with the University.

Members who have not engaged lodgings previous to their arrival, or who desire any information at any time during the meeting, are requested to apply personally at the council chamber, Guildhall.

The council of the Incorporated Law Society have settled the following course of procedure to be adopted at the sixth annual provincial meeting, to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 7th and 8th of October, 1879, at the Guildhall, Cambridge:—

Tuesday, October 7.—The proceedings will commence with the president's address, after which the following papers will be read in their order. It is suggested that all papers dealing with cognate subjects should be read before discussion is invited on them. The papers have been grouped for carrying this intention into effect as far as practicable:—"Land Titles and Transfer, Parliamentary Report," Mr. R. R. Dees, Newcastle-on-Tyne; "Distress," Mr. M. D. Osbaldeston, London; "Free Trade in Land," Mr. T. G. Lee, Birmingham; "Notes on Bridges and Roads," Mr. J. M. Davenport, Oxford; "The Law of Libel as applied to Newspapers," Mr. Charles Ford, London.

Wednesday, October 8.—"Bankruptcy," Mr. Clabon (vice-president), London; "Bankruptcy," Mr. Frederick Kent, London; "On Bankruptcy in the Legal Profession," Mr. F. K. Munton, London; "On the Treatment of Witnesses," Mr. J. Anderson Rose, London; "Elementary Education of Solicitors," Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, London; "The Relationship between the Two Branches of the Profession," Mr. J. Perry Godfrey, London; "On Delays in the Chancery Offices, and Defects in the System of Taxing Costs," Mr. R. Simey, Sunderland.

WOLVERHAMPTON LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

At the first ordinary meeting of the autumn session of the society held in the Law Library on Thursday evening, September 26, R. W. Gillespie, Esq. in the chair, there

was a large attendance of members and visitors. Mr. J. N. Cotterell, articulated to George Cotterell, Esq., solicitor, Walsall, was unanimously elected an ordinary member. The following proposition was then discussed:—"That the land laws now in force in England are prejudicial to agriculture and detrimental to the interests of the nation at large." Mr. A. Whitehouse opened the debate in the affirmative, and was supported by Mr. T. M. Whitehouse, jun. Mr. R. J. Lawrence opposed in the negative, and was followed by Messrs. E. T. Cresswell, T. H. Evans, M. Hyde, and T. H. Bayley. After a long discussion the chairman ably summed up the arguments and put the proposition to the meeting, when it was decided in favour of the negative by six votes to two. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. S. W. Page, and seconded by Mr. H. S. Pratt, terminated the proceedings.

Appointments, &c.

Mr. JOHN GREGORY APCAR, barrister, of Calcutta, has been appointed to officiate as a Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Calcutta. Mr. Apar is a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's-inn in Hilary Term, 1873, and was formerly a member of the Midland Circuit.

Mr. S. N. BRAITHWAITE, solicitor, of No. 25, Throgmorton-street, London, has been appointed a Commissioner in England of the Supreme Court of New Zealand for the purpose of administering and taking all Oaths, Affidavits, and Affirmations; and also a Commissioner in England for the purpose of taking Acknowledgments of Married Women under any Act or Law in force in the Colony of New Zealand requiring such acknowledgments to be made or taken.

Mr. HENRY CLEMENT CASLEY, solicitor, of Ipswich, has been elected Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Orford, on the resignation of his partner, Mr. Peter Bartholomew Long, who retains the offices of town clerk and clerk of the peace for the borough of Aldborough, and chief distributor of stamps for the borough of Aldborough. Mr. Casley was admitted a solicitor in 1875.

Mr. HUGH RUSCOMBE POOLE, solicitor, of Bridgewater, has been appointed Under-Sheriff of Somersetshire, in succession to the late Mr. John Wilkinson Toller, of South Petherton. Mr. Poole is clerk to the St. John's Barial Board, and secretary to the Highbridge Cattle Market Company. He was admitted a solicitor in 1873, and is in partnership with Mr. Joseph Ruscombe Poole, the clerk to the King's Sedgemoor Sewers Commissioners.

Mr. SUTTONS WILKINSON, solicitor, of St. Neots, has been elected Clerk to the Caxton and Arrington Board of Guardians, Assessment Committee, and Rural Sanitary Authority. Mr. Wilkinson is the son of Mr. Octavius Robert Wilkinson, clerk to the magistrates for the Hundred of Toelond. He was admitted a solicitor in 1865, and is in partnership with his father and Mr. Francis George Butler.

Companies.

WINDING-UP NOTICES.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.
LIMITED IN CHANCERY.

ANGLO-FRENCH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LIMITED.—Petition for winding up, presented Sept 13, directed to be heard before the M.R. on Nov 8. Howard and Co. New Bridge st, solicitors for the petitioner.

MUTUAL DRESS SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 25, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts and claims, to Frederick George Palmer, 3, Moorgate st buildings. Wednesday, Nov 8 at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said debts and claims.

PORTSMOUTH CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.—By an order made by Bowen, J., dated Sept 17, it was ordered that the voluntary winding up of the Association be continued. Gregory and C, Bedford row, for Addison, Portsmouth, solicitor for the petitioners.

ROSE HILL SPINNING COMPANY, LIMITED.—Petition for winding up presented 8-p Oct 24, directed to be heard before the M.R. on Nov 8. Milne and Co, H. court buildings, Temple, agents for Murray and Wrigley, Oldham, solicitors for the petitioners.

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FURNES IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, LIMITED.—Creditors are required, on or before Oct 23, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts and claims, to William Barclay Peat, 3, Lombury, one of the liquidators. Monday, Nov 8 at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said debts and claims.

[Gazette, Sept. 30.]

COUNTY PALATINE OF LANCASTER.

LIMITED IN CHANCERY.

CHURCH PAPER COMPANY, LIMITED.—The V. C. has, by an order dated Aug 11, appointed William Sandeman, Market st, Church, Lancaster, to be official liquidator.

[Gazette, Sept. 26.]

MADDER CLOUGH SPINNING COMPANY, LIMITED.—The V. C. has, by an order dated Aug 27, appointed William Sandeman, Church, Lancaster, to be official liquidator.

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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES DISSOLVED.

CAMELFORD BENEFIT SOCIETY, Camelford, Cornwall. Sect 19
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Obituary.

MR. ROBERT KIDD.

Mr. Robert Kidd, solicitor, of North Shields, Tynemouth, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, died at Heiden, Switzerland, on the 17th ult. Mr. Kidd was the son of the late Mr. Robert Kidd. He was born in 1825, and was admitted a solicitor in 1843, and had ever since practised at North Shields. For many years he was in partnership with Mr. John James Britton and Mr. Stanley Kewney, the firm having also offices at Newcastle and Tynemouth, but more recently he was associated with his son, Mr. Robert Frederick Kidd, who was admitted a solicitor in 1877. Mr. Kidd was a commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature, and a perpetual commissioner for the county of Northumberland, the County Palatine of Durham, and the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. For many years he was solicitor for the North Shields District to the Manchester Trade Protection Society.

MR. EDWIN EDWARDS.

Mr. Edwin Edwards, solicitor, proctor, and notary, died on the 15th ult, after a somewhat long illness. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. Charles Edwards, of Bridgham Hall, Framlingham, where he was born in 1822. He was admitted a solicitor in 1845, and practised as a proctor, first in Bennett's-hill, and afterwards in Great Knight-riding-street. He was a notary public, and an examiner in the Court of Admiralty. He had a good business in the old Doctors' Commons Courts, and was the author of several legal works, including "Cases in the Prerogative Court with Respect to Wills," and treatises on "Succession to Personal Property," and on "Admiralty Court Practice." He was also author of "The State and Prospects of the Fine Arts in England." About twenty years ago he gave up practice, and had since devoted himself to art. He had attained considerable success in landscape painting, and several of his pictures had been exhibited at the Royal Academy. Mr. Edwards was president of the Hogarth Society, and was also a most accomplished musician.

Creditors' Claims.

CREDITORS UNDER ESTATES IN CHANCERY. LAST DAY OF PROOF.

SMITH, SAMUEL, Keighley, York, Wool Com's Master, and CATHERINE SMITH, Keighley, Grocer. On 14. Smith v Smith, V.C. Bacon, Fluker, St. Jean's Inn, Chancery Lane

[Gazette, Sep. 26.]

CREDITORS UNDER 22 & 23 VICT. CAP. 25. LAST DAY OF CLAIM.

BAKER, SOPHIA, Leamington Priors. Oct 31. Heath and Blenkinsop, Warwick.
BALLA, WILLIAM, Black Horse st, Heigham Causeway, Gent. Nov 6. Rackham, Norwich.
BRAND, THOMAS, Marquess rd, Canonbury, Gent. Nov 1. Reeve, Carey Lane, General Post Office.
BURROWS, WILLIAM, Ramsgate, Kent, Furniture Dealer. Oct 24. Mercer, Ramsgate.
CURRIE, SPENCER HENRY, East Dereham, Clerk in Holy Orders. Nov 15. Wright and Waterworth, Keighley.
DAVIES, DANIEL, Cardiff, Publican. Dec 18. Marris and Son, Cardiff.
GAWTHERN, REV. FRANCIS SECKER ARBON, Car Colston, Nottingham, Clerk in Holy Orders. Nov 1. Toynbee and Co., Lincoln.
GREEN, ALBERT, Dewsbury, Timber Merchant. Oct 18. Fryer, Dewsbury.
GRIFITHS, PETER, Retired Master Mariner. Oct 24. Masters and Fletcher, Liverpool.
HOUGHTON, WILLIAM, Nuttall, Nottingham, Farmer. Nov 20. Martin, Nottingham.
HUGHES, WILLIAM, Liverpool, Lard Refiner. Oct 31. Evans and Lockett, Liverpool.
JACKMAN, WILLIAM FREDERICK, Great Brington, Northampton, Librarian. Dec 1. Dennis and Faulkner, Northampton.
JELLINEBERG, WILLIAM JOHN ARCHER, Birmingham, Gent. Nov 1. Burne and Hunt, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
MOWBRAY, MARCHAM, Wyberton Fen, Lincoln, Farmer. Dec 31. Dyer, Boston.
RICKETTS, THOMAS, Melksham, Wilts, Greengrocer. Nov 1. Gore, Melksham.
ROPER, EDWARD, Hanham, Norfolk, Yeoman. Nov 1. Clowes, New Buckenham.
THOMPSON, ANS, Macclesfield. Dec 20. Brocklehurst and Co, Macclesfield.
WATTON, GEORGE HASTINGS, Regent st, Tobaccoconist. Nov 26. Few and Co, Surrey st, Strand.
WHEATLEY, THOMAS RANDALL, Nether rd, South Kensington. Nov 1. Gedge and Co, Old Palace yard, Westminster.
WRIGHT, THOMAS, Gilespurst, Cheesemonger. Nov 22. Hughes and Son, Chiswell st, Bedford-row.

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ANSLEY, GEORGE JOHN, Donnington, York, Gent. Oct 30. Todd, Hull.
BOVILL, WILLIAM, O-motherley, York, Bleacher. Nov 7. Garbutt and Fawcett, Station-on-Tees.
BOWDEN, JANE, Penydartan, Glamorgan. Nov 7. Williams and Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil.
BRIDGES, WILLIAM THOMAS, Belgrave st, Steppney, Lighterman. Nov 25. Fritter and Son, Circus-square, Finsbury-circus.
DEVLINNE, FRANCIS, Manchester, Merchant. Oct 30. Sale and Co, Manchester.
EGGOLD, SAMUEL, Figslee, Lancaster, Colour Mixer. Oct 27. Grundy and Co., Bury.
FACLENNE, MARIA, Walton St, Oxford. Oct 25. Hawkins, Oxford.
GILES, JOHN EDWARD, Gibraltar, Surgeon. Nov 26. Rackham, Norwich.
HAREMAN, DEWIS, Bury, Lancaster, Woollen Manufacture. Oct 27. Grundy and Co, Bury.
HOPKINSON, EDWARD, Bristol. Oct 21. Stanley and Co, Bristol.
KEYTON, JOHN, Ashham, Nottingham, Farmer. Oct 24. Marshall, East Bedford.
LEES, J. JOSEPH, Hales, Nottingham, Gent. Nov 20. Martin, Nottingham.
MORGAN, JOHN, Port Louis, Mauritius, Captain of the Port. Jan 10. Watney and Co, Clement's-lane.
NELSON, JOHN, Deptford, Kent, Cheesemonger. Oct 23. Howard, Greenwich.
PILKINGTON, Lady Maria Elizabeth, Catsfield pl, Sussex. Dec 1. Crawley and Arnold, Whitehall pl.
PLEMPSTE, ANNABELLA, Great Malvern. Nov 1. Ticehurst and Son, Cheltenham.
PRICKMAN, FRANCES ELIZABETH, Crediton, Devon. Nov 25. Sparkes and Pope, Crediton.
READ, ELIZABETH, Albert-cottage, Brixton. Nov 10. Curtis and Betts, South sq, Gray's-inn.
ROX, THOMAS, son, Litchurch, Derby, Timber Merchant. Nov 15. Robinson, St. Andrews.
SPATE, WILLIAM, Bolton, Lancaster, Jacquard Machine Maker. Oct 25. Kyles and Haslam, Bolton.
STONE, JOHN JEFFRIES, Schyborwen, Monmouth, East India Merchant. Dec 1. White, Southampton s., Bloombury.
THOMPSON, JANE, Welton, York. Nov 3. Shepherd and Co, Beverley.
VINEY, SOPHIA Clifton, Bristol. Nov 15. Wansey, Bristol.
WAT, HARRIET ELIZABETH, Long Ashton, Gloucestershire. Nov 15. Wansey, Bristol.

[Gazette, Sept. 19.]

Mr. R. A. Fisher, judge of the County Court Circuit, No. 64, comprising the Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Wells, and Axbridge courts, expired on Tuesday at his residence at Clifton at the age of sixty-one. He went to London for his vacation in August, and returned ill to Clifton about three weeks ago, and sank after a very painful operation.

Legal News.

"A Solicitor in the City" writes to the *Daily News*—London solicitors with varied practices are obliged occasionally to do business in the county courts. I believe their experience would on examination be found to be like my own as to the kind of treatment they and their clerks meet with at the hands of the officials of these small tribunals. Lately it has been my lot to have to make one or two applications at the City of London Court, and I have found that I have had twice the trouble and ten times the incivility and inattention that would have occurred at any of the worst superior court offices. It is a common spectacle at the present time to see waiting a string of persons who have business at the general office, while the official behind the window takes his time and wastes that of those present. It generally takes from half to three-quarters of an hour to do the most trivial thing at this court, the precincts of which are, as most people know, the most sombre and uninviting in London. There is a great talk nowadays of granting increased jurisdiction to county courts; but the present machinery ought to turn its work out better before it has higher class work to do. A less attenuated and more efficient staff with more civil attention would invite London solicitors to practise in the county courts, and give effect to a system which is established on good principles. While I am upon the subject of legal grievances, I may refer to the delays and evils of the long vacation—that grand boon to over-worked lawyers, but many times a nuisance and an injustice to their clients. At the present time the whole system of her Majesty's High Court of Justice is practically worked by one judge, one chief clerk, one registrar, one chancery taxing master, and two common law masters, one for chambers and the other attending to taxations. These only sit at intervals and hear business which is called "urgent." No man can do more than a given amount of work, and as a corollary it follows that in a litigious land like ours these gentlemen are quite unable to cope with all the matters which are dignified with the term "urgent." There is no reason in the chambers of the Chancery and Common Law Divisions being closed nearly three months in the year, and a consequent stoppage of all ordinary business. For, after all, the work of the hardest-worked judge and his officials is no more than that of a solicitor in large practice who can and does find a month's vacation amply sufficient to recreate. In fact one of the most diligent and hard-worked junior clerks in chancery has told me he actually knew not how to dispose of his long vacation. If an application is to be made now at chambers the usual question is, "Is it vacation business?" and a needless amount of wrangling is expended in the arguments *pro* and *con*. Law reformers would do well to make inquiry into the uses and the evils of the long vacation, and I venture to predict that when once the subject is really ventilated this long interval of repose will be curtailed to meet the advancing requirements of the public. This is not a lawyer's question, but one of public interest, and it is not from a lawyer's stand-point I address you, but as one of the general public.

At the Bow-street Police Court, on the 27th ult., Edwin Puxley, aged forty-four, of 2, Egland-road, Bruce-road, Bow, and Benjamin Nash, aged twenty-five, of 5, Wentworth-road, Bow, labourers, were charged with conspiring to obtain various sums of money on the 24th and 27th ult.—Mr. Warde, solicitor, appeared to prosecute, and said a most ingenious fraud had been practised by the prisoners.—Mr. George Fairfax White, solicitor, 24, Chancery-lane, deposed that on Wednesday last the prisoner Puxley called at his office and represented himself to be a Mr. Smith, from Colechester, and captain and owner of a smack called *Mary Ann*. The shorthand clerk was called in, and took down a statement, in which he asserted that on a Friday in the present month, whilst cruising between Clackton-on-Sea and the Gun Fleet Sands, he saw the brig *Concord*, of Whitby, aground on the Sands, and also referred to the assistance which he and his crew rendered on the occasion. The prisoner also produced a letter purporting to come from Captain Read, the master of the *Concord*, authorizing the owners and underwriters to pay witnesses, as Captain Smith's solicitor, the sum of £160 for salvage. No further expenses to be made on the ship, and the money to be paid on the following Saturday at noon.

The statement was read to the prisoner, and he said that he had a bad cold, and wanted to get back to Colchester. He asked for a loan to pay his expenses, and witness gave him £2. Witness left town for a couple of days, and on returning heard that the prisoner Puxley had called at the office and asked for a further loan from the clerks, which they had declined to advance. Witness began to feel doubtful when the matter was reported to him, and telegraphed to Whitby, and also to the police at Colchester, and in consequence of the reply he received communicated with the police. When Puxley called on him again that morning (Saturday), he produced a letter purporting to come from a Captain Read, in which it was stated that he and another could not attend at witness's office until one o'clock in the day, to settle the salvage with Captain Smith. Puxley asked for a further advance, and stated that he had a Custom-house officer with him who had boarded the vessel. The prisoner Nash was then called up, and, in reply to witness, said that he had been on board the *Concord* for six days, and that he was entitled to 6s. a day for fees. Witness gave them 10s. each in the presence of the detective, and they were taken into custody and charged. On being searched nothing was found on Puxley, but a pocket-book was found on Nash. It contained several memoranda bearing the names of several solicitors. On his attention being drawn to it the prisoner Nash said he had been receiving 6s. a day from Puxley to assist him in the fraud.—The prisoner Puxley said it was no use denying the charge; he was guilty.—Nash was about to make a statement, but, understanding that a remand would take place, did not do so.—Mr. Flowers said that it would be necessary to make further inquiries, as many others might have been victimised, and the case was accordingly remanded for a week.

Dr. Legrand du Saulle has lately published a book called "Medico-Legal Studies on Disputed Wills," from which the *British Medical Journal* takes the following incident. The will of Louis Curtius, a lawyer in Padua, who lived in the fifteenth century, is one of the most original in existence. He forbids all his relatives and friends to weep at his burial. He who will persist in weeping shall be disinherited, while he who will laugh heartily shall be his principal heir or universal legatee. He forbids to put up any black draperies in the house in which he shall die, as well as in the church where he is to be buried. Both must be decorated with flowers and green branches on the day of his funeral. There must be no ringing of bells, but gay music. All the musicians of the town shall be asked to his funeral; they are to walk with the clergy, making the air resound with their instruments, and singing Hallelujah as if it were Easter Day. The bier which contains his body is to be covered with bright and many-coloured cloth, and borne on the shoulders of twelve maidens of age to be married, who must be dressed in green and sing many songs. The executor of the will must see that all these formalities are fulfilled in their least details; if not, the testament will be declared void. The relatives of the deceased protested against the will, but it was declared valid.

An application was made to Mr. Justice Harrison, in Dublin, on Tuesday, on behalf of George Clarke, and George Clarke, jun., farmers of county Donegal, for their release from Lifford Gaol, to which they had been consigned after capture under an attachment order issued by the Vice-Chancellor on their refusal to pay rent or give information to a receiver appointed at the instance of the Church Temporalities Commissioners over the lands on which they occupied farms. The case of the applicants was that the former owner, left the country more than twenty years ago, and his agent had some years afterwards refused to receive any more rent; that no person had received the rents for upwards of twelve years past; and that the tenants had been so perplexed by numerous false claims put forward that when the receiver was appointed with authority they ignorantly distrusted him, but they were now willing to pay the rent due last November, though they were unable to pay the arrears. An order was made for their release on their submitting to pay £10 on account of rent, and to be subject to any other order the court might make.

SALE OF ENSUING WEEK.

Oct. 9.—Messrs. C. C. & T. MOORE, at the Mart, at 1 for 2 p.m., freehold and leasehold properties (see advertisement, this week, p. 4).

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

Oct. 2, 1879.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Ind. Stk., 5 per C., July, '80, 103	Inf. Pr. 3½ per Cent., M.Y., 81
Ditto for Account, —	Ditto Debentures, 4 per Cent
Ditto 4 per Cent., Oct. '88, 102½	April, '64
Ditto, ditto, Certificates —	Do. Do., 5 per Cent., Aug. '73
Ditto Ensured Ppr., 4 per Cent.	Do. Bonds, 4 per Cent. £1000
2nd Inf. Pr., 5 per C., Jan. '72	Ditto, ditto, under £1000

RAILWAY STOCK.

	Railways.	Paid.	Closing Price
Stock	Bristol and Exeter	100	—
Stock	Caledonian	100	94½
Stock	Glasgow and South-Western	100	82
Stock	Great Eastern Ordinary Stock	100	56
Stock	Great Northern	100	115½
Stock	Do., A Stock*	100	114
Stock	Great Southern and Western of Ireland	100	115
Stock	Great Western—Original	100	99
Stock	Lancashire and Yorkshire	100	117½
Stock	London, Brighton, and South Coast	100	126
Stock	London, Chatham, and Dover	100	24½
Stock	London and North-Western	100	138½
Stock	London and South Western	100	125½
Stock	Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincoln	100	77½
Stock	Metropolitan	100	117½
Stock	Do., District	100	74
Stock	Midland	100	126½
Stock	North British	100	67½
Stock	North Eastern	100	127½
Stock	North London	100	162
Stock	North Staffordshire	100	53
Stock	South Devon	100	—
Stock	South-Eastern	100	123

* A receives no dividend until 6 per cent. has been paid to B.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

ELLIS.—August 21, at the Bungalow, Mauritius, the wife of A. G. Ellis, Esq., advocate, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius, of a daughter.

KINGSFORD.—September 26, at Bedford Park, Chiswick, the wife of Douglas Kingsford, Esq., barrister-at-law, of a daughter.

OWEN.—September 25, at 5, Sloane-terrace, S.W., the wife of Edward Annesley Owen, barrister-at-law, of a son.

ROBERTSON.—Sept. 27, at 17, Abercromby-place, Edinburgh, the wife of J. P. B. Robertson, Esq., advocate, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SMILES—MCINTYRE.—September 27, at St. Marylebone, Clement Locke Smiles, of 15, Bedford-row, solicitor, to Mary Ellen, daughter of James John McIntyre, Esq., Q.C., of 1, Park-square, Regent's-park.

WIDDECOMBE—MUGLISON.—October 1, at St. Joseph's Church, Waltham-croft, John Widdecombe, jun., solicitor, of Upton, Essex, to Margaret, daughter of G. T. W. Muglison, M.D., of End Id, Middlesex.

LONDON GAZETTES.

Bankrupts.

FRIDAY, Sept. 26, 1879.

Under the Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

Creditors must forward their proofs of debts to the Registrar.

To Surrender in London.

Ford, Joseph, and Henry B. Pollard, Ironmonger lane, Law Stationers. Pet Sept 22. Brougham. Oct 7 at 11.30

Lumley, John, St Martin's rd, Stockwell, Wholesale Jeweller. Pet Sept 22. Brougham. Oct 8 at 12

Mentre, Alexander, Goulston st, Whitechapel, Brewer's Chemist. Pet Sept 18. Brougham. Oct 8 at 11.30

Musgrave, J. W., Kingston-on-Thames, Grocer. Pet Sept 23. Brougham. Oct 9 at 12

To Surrender in the Country.

Davies, Thomas, Barrow-in-Furness, Licensed Victualler. Pet Sept 21. Postlethwaite. Ulverston. Oct 8 at 12

Dingwall, William, Goolie, York, Tailor. Pet Sept 21. Messrs. Wakefield. Oct 10 at 11

Green, James, Dalton-in-Furness, Baker. Pet Sept 23. Postlethwaite. Ulverston. Oct 10 at 3

Knath, Albert Godwin, Tredegarville, Cardiff, no occupation. Pet Sept 23. Langley. Cardiff. Oct 7 at 9

Knowles, George, Carlisle, Draper. Pet Sept 22. Halton. Carlisle. Oct 7 at 11

Lewis, Thomas, Hereford, Grocer. Pet Sept 23. Carhass, Jun. Hereford. Oct 14 at 10

Medit, Edwin, La's e'g Dyke, nr Bradford, Licensed Victualler. Pet Sept 12. Robinson. Bradford. Oct 7 at 9

Mosley, Alfred, Leeds, Brickmaker. Pet Sept 22. Marshall. Leeds. Oct 12 at 12

Paget, John Thomas, Reading, no occupation. Pet Sept 23. Collins:
Reading, Oct 14 at 3
Sa'mon, Edward, Ulverston, Lancashire, Ironfounder. Pet Sept 22.
Postlethwaite. Ulverston, Oct 8 at 10

TUESDAY, Sept. 30, 1879.

Under the Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

Creditors must forward their proofs of debts to the Registrar.

To Surrender in London.

Hearn, William, Stroud Green rd, Jeweller. Pet Sept 25. Brougham.
Oct 10 at 11.30
Skipper, Frederick, Duke st, St James's. Pet Sept 26. Brougham.
Oct 15 at 11.30

To Surrender in the Country.

Dibdin, Henry, Hewitfield, Gloucester, Farmer. Pet Sept 26. Justice.
Newport, Oct 13 at 12
Bennoch, Francis, St Sidwell, Exeter, Gent. Pet Sept 26. Daw.
Exeter, Oct 13 at 12
Marshall, John, Exeter, Painter. Pet Sept 26. Daw. Exeter, Oct 13
at 12
Sansom, Edward Richard, Preston, Monumental Mason. Pet Sept 26.
Hulton. Preston, Oct 16 at 11
Watts, John, Newark-upon-Trent, Boot Manufacturer. Pet Sept 25.
Patehill. Nottingham, Oct 14 at 2.30

Liquidations by Arrangement.

FIRST MEETINGS OF CREDITORS.

FRIDAY, Sept. 26, 1879.

Ancery, William, the younger, Newton Abbot, Draper. Oct 9 at 11
at Craven Hotel, Craven st, Strand.
Bailey, William, Bridgewater, Railway Labourer. Oct 7 at 11 at offices
of Chapman, High-st, Bridgewater.
Barnes, John, Henry, Atherton, Lancaster, Tailor. Oct 7 at 10.15 at
offices of Whitligham, Church st, Leish.
Bartrum, Henry, Broadbury Terrace, Kilburn, Grocer. Oct 9 at 2 at
6 Arthur st East, London Bridge. Smith, Lincoln's inn fields
Bates, Walter, Friday st, Mantle Manufacturer. Oct 10 at 3 at 8,
Paternoster row. Wells
Beck, Charles Butler, Calne, Wilts, Gent. Oct 3 at 10.30 at Lansdowne
Arms Hotel, Calne. Henry, Calne
Bell, Samuel, Salford, Lancaster, Builder. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of
Aldrich and Warburton, Manchester
Perridge, Francis, Worsley, Lincoln, Shopkeeper. Oct 8 at 1 at offices
of Freer and Co, Brigg
Biggsdale, William, Moulton Chapell, Lincoln, Farmer. Oct 7 at 12 at
Chequers Inn, Holbeck. Wilkin, King's Lynn
Eggs, Ralph, Stanwell, nr s taines. Oct 7 at 2 at Railway Hotel,
s taines, in lieu of the place originally named
Birkeitt, William, Kidderminster, Woolen Yarn Spinner. Oct 6 at 2 at
25, Church st, Kidderminster. Talbot
Blanchard, Henry, Telsmore's, Devon, Stock and Share Broker.
Oct 10 at 11 at offices of Huggins, Paul st, Exeter
Borrie, John, Stockton-on-Tees, Engineer. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of
Pawick, Zealand rd, Middlesbrough
Bowers, William Henry, Lower Broughton, Lancaster, Repairer of
Property. Oct 14 at 3 at offices of Digges and Ogden, Booth st,
Manchester
Brigden, Timothy, King William st, Florist. Oct 2 at 12 at offices of
Moss, Gracechurch st
Burrell, John, Beverley, York, Farmer. Oct 10 at 11 at offices of
Hobson, Lair Gate, Beverley
Cheetham, Elsie-h Howard, James Benjamin Dunkerley, and Samuel
Howard Cheetham, Clayton, nr Manchester, Manufacturing Chemist.
Oct 20 at 11 at Mitre Hotel, Cathedral gates, Manchester.
Preston and Young, Manchester
Clarke, Edwin, Tipton, Stafford, Beer-seller. Oct 8 at 3 at offices of
Stokes and Harper, Friary st, Dudley
Clegg, Henry, and William Wood, Leeds, Joiners. Oct 8 at 3 at offices
of Craven, East parade, Leeds
Cliff, Robert, Wigan, Lancashire, Farmer. Oct 10 at 2.30 at offices
of Wright and Ansell, Leaden buildings, King st, Wigan
Coles, Richard, Chiswell, Berks, Farmer. Oct 11 at 11 at Queen's
Hotel, Newbury
Conway, John, St James rd, Bernardssey, Corn Dealer. Oct 10 at 3
at offices of Fowler, Aneburch lane
Coward, Henry, Preston, Lancaster, Draper. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of
Edelson, Winkley st, Preston
C. J. John, Red Lion st, Holborn, Ham and Beef Dealer. Oct 7 at
at Windsor Hotel, Queen st place, Cheapside. White, Queen st
Cheapside
Craggs, Christopher, Darlington, Durham, Grocer. Oct 14 at 3 at offices
of Wilkes, North gate, Darlington
Crooks, Benjamin, Gosberton, Lincoln, Butcher. Oct 10 at 1 at offices
of Bailey, Church lane, Boston
Collinsworth, John, Leeds, General Carrier. Oct 8 at 11 at offices of
Ford and Watson, Albion st, Leeds
Day, Stephen, Middlesbrough, Joiner. Oct 14 at 11 at offices of Spry,
Zetland rd, Middlesbrough
Dickson, John Augustus, Carter lane, Commission Agent. Oct 9 at 2
at offices of Lea, Fursival's inn
Ditchfield, Thomas, Runcorn, Chester, Farmer. Oct 13 at 3 at offices
of Gibson and Co, South John st, Liverpool. Foster and son, Liver-
pool
Dolan, Henry, and Henry Dolan, Jun, Old Change, Cloth Manufac-
turers. Oct 15 at 3 at 51 Northern Railway Station Hotel, Leeds.
Lindley and Co, Waltham
Dunn, Le Vein, Marie, Richmond st, Waltham, General Dealer. Oct
13 at 1 at offices of Chapman and Co, St Swinburn's lane
Faton, John, Birmingham, Chandler Manufacturer. Oct 9 at 12 at
offices of Hawkes and Weekes, Temple st, Birmingham
Elliot, Thomas, Bath, Steam Sawing Mills Proprietor. Oct 8 at 11 at
offices of Bartrum and Barlett, Northumberland buildings, Bath
Epps, Charles, Bradford, Kent, Beerhouse Keeper. Oct 10 at 4 at Foun-
tain Hotel, 54 Lamb row. Renshaw, High st, High st
Evans, Owen, Cefnau, Cardigan, Farmer. Oct 8 at 2 at Black Lion
Hotel, Llanystyd, Cardigan, Farmer
Evans, William, Huddersfield, Cardigan, Farmer. Oct 8 at 11 at 7 Albion
st, Aberystwyth. Hughes and Son, Aberystwyth

Every, William, and Thomas Frederick Austen, Old Change, Ware
housemen. Oct 10 at 2 at offices of Lovering and Co, Gresham st
Philp, Walbrook House
Even, Thomas L'Estrange, Suffolk pl, Pall Mall, Barrister-at-Law.
Oct 16 at 11 at offices of Roberts, Coleman st
Fey, George, Torquay, Cabinet Maker. Oct 7 at 10.30 at offices of
Davy, Fleet st, Torquay
Forster, John, Sunderland, Grocer. Oct 7 at 3 at offices of Storey,
Fawcett st, Sunderland
Fox, Jeremiah, Bailey, York, Coal Agent. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of
Schofield and Taylor, Brunswick st, Bailey
Fraser, William, Lancashire, Stroud Green rd, Licensed Victualler. Oct
13 at 2 at offices of Layton and Co, Budge row
Gillett, John, Kirkdale, Lancashire, Mineral Water Manufacturer. Oct
8 at 2 at offices of Harris, Union st, Castle st, Liverpool
Godfrey, Edward Dolbel, Queen's rd, Peckham, Linen Draper. Oct 7
at 3 at offices of Philp, Walbrook
Gould, Henry Edwin, Kenish town rd, Hosiery. Sept 30 at 4 at offices
of Stalling and Parrott, Serjeants' inn, Chancery lane
Grace, William George, Deddington, Oxford, Mechanic. Oct 13 at 3 at
 Unicorn Hotel, Deddington. Bennett, Deddington
Graham, George, and George Graham, Jun, Longlight, nr Manchester,
Plasterers. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Risson and Grundy, Princess st,
Manchester
Graham, Joseph, Longcroft, Cumberland, Joiner. Oct 9 at 3 at offices
of Beadle, Hodgson's st, Carlisle
Gratrix, David, Bolton, Lancaster, Bedding Manufacturer. Oct 9 at 3
at Mitre Inn, Cathedral gates, Manchester. Dawson and Pennington,
Bolton
Green, Alfred, Liverpool, Accountant. Oct 9 at 2.30 at offices of Brab-
ner and Court, Cook st, Liverpool
Griet, William, Charles, Conafor, Gloucester, Shoddy Manufacturer.
Oct 8 at 3 at offices of Witchell, Lansdown, Stroud
Hrdfield, Edward, Chorlton-upon-Medlock, Manchester, Beer Re-
tailer. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Hill, St Ann's sq, Manchester
Halstead, Edward Percy, Hereford, Horse Dealer. Oct 7 at 11 at
offices of Corner, High town, Hereford
Hamer, James, Torquay, Devon, Fumber. Oct 11 at 10 at offices of
Southcott, Post office st, Bedford circus, Exeter. Harrold
Hanson, David, Hawensthorpe, York, Mungo Manufacturer. Oct 10 at
3 at Wellington Hotel, Dewsbury. Chadwick and Son, Dewsbury
Hawes, Benjamin, Southwark rd, China and Glass Dealer. Oct 8
at 2 at offices of Temple, Serjeant's inn. Laidman
Hay, Samuel, Poland st, Oxford st, Refreshment house Keeper. Oct
15 at 2 at offices of Stocken and Jupp, Line st sq
Higham, Stephen Richard, Lostwithie, Cornwall, Licensed Victualler.
Oct 9 at 11 at offices of Phillips, Frankfort st, Plymouth
Hill, Robert, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, Lancaster, Draper. Oct 10
at 12 at the Mitre Hotel, Church gates, Manchester. Phillips,
Bacup
Hipwell, Thomas, Balsall Heath, Worcester, Metal Refiner. Oct 13 at
12 at offices of Powell and Browett, Ann st, Birmingham
Hollinsworth, William, Long Eaton, Derby, Machine Builder. Oct 13
at 12 at the Assembly Rooms, Low pavement, Nottingham. Martin,
Nottingham
Holmes, John, Baildon, York, Agent. Oct 9 at 4 at offices of Wright,
Darley st, Bradford
Honey, Samuel, Looe, Cornwall, Builder. Oct 9 at 12 at offices of
Rundle, Ker st, Devonport
Howard, Richard, Churchtown, Southampton, Joiner. Oct 15 at 2.30 at
offices of Byron and Bell, King st, Wigan
Hunt, Thomas, Turville, Buckingham, Chair Turner. Oct 13 at 3 at
the Council Chamber, Guildhall, High Wycombe. Clarke, Hig
Wycombe
Iman, William, Coatham, York, out of business. Oct 7 at 3 at offices
of Bainbridge and Barnley, Corporation Hall, Middlesbrough
Jacques, Thomas, Burland, Chester, Corn Miller. Oct 7 at 11 at Albert
chambers, Church Side, Crewe. Pointon, Crewe
Jevons, Alfred, Barrow-in-Furness, Furnace Heater. Oct 8 at 11 at
the Trevelyan Temperance Hotel, Church st, Barrow-in-Furness.
Sims, Barrow-in-Furness
Johnson, Samuel, Hanley, Beer-seller. Oct 6 at 3 at offices of Tennant
and Co, Chesepier, Hanley
Jones, Isaac, Rulind, Denbigh, Boot Maker. Oct 9 at 12.15 at offices
of Lewis and Edwards, Castle st, Rulind
Kershaw, Samuel, Salford, Lancashire, Lithographic Printer. Oct 16 at
3 at offices of Digges and Ogden, Booth st, Manchester
Knox, Joseph, North Shields, Ale Merchant. Oct 8 at 3 at offices of
Renoldson, King st, South Shields
L-fley, George, Bridlington Quay, York, Grocer. Oct 10 at 3 at offices
of Wray, Market place, Bridlington
Lewis, Charles Abbey, Wood Hill, Northampton, Upholsterer. Oct 8
at 1 at offices of Howes and Percival, Abington st, Northampton
Leyland, Edward James, Bolton, Grocer. Oct 9 at 3 at the Mitre
Hotel, Canal yard, Manchester. Riley, Bolton
Lightwood, James, Northwood, Hanley, Beerhouse Keeper. Oct 7 at 3
at the Sea Lion Hotel, High st, Hanley
Lindsey, John, Eastrea, Ely, Farmer. Oct 10 at 12 at offices of Graves
and Reeves, High Causeway, Whitley
Long, Henry Barron, Bleakdown, Godshall, I.W., Mail Contractor.
Oct 7 at 3 at the Warburton Hotel, Quay st, Newport. Hooper,
Cardiff
Lucas, William, Salford, Chemist. Oct 7 at 11 at offices of Lawson,
Peter st, Manchester
Lunn, Arthur, Oving, near Chichester, Farmer. Oct 13 at 12 at
Dolphin Hotel, Chichester. Lamb and Erett, Brighton
Mentry, John, Hagney st, Westminster, Plasterer. Oct 8 at 2 at
offices of Torr, Coleman st
Mason, Samuel, Kidderminster, Aerated Water Manufacturer. Oct 9
at 2 at 25, Church st, Kidderminster. Talbot
Massey, Joseph, Culmstock, Devon, Innkeeper. Oct 17 at 11.30 at
offices of Fawcings and Oakley, Queen st, Exeter. Burrow, Culm-
stock
Moore, John, Ferleshill, Bradford, Wrosted Spinner. Oct 10 at 11 at
offices of Lancaster and Wright, Manor row, Bradford
Morgan, Thomas, Wigan, Swansea, Painter. Oct 6 at 11 at offices of
Fidd, Adelaide st, Swansea
Newman, Alfred, Charlton, Fawcett, Wilt, Baker. Oct 19 at 3 at
offices of Kelly, the Close, Salisbury

Parry, Moses, Tynemouth Hendryd, Conway, Builder. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Jones, Bridge st, Conway

Parks, William Grimshaw, Manchester, Timber Merchant. Oct 14 at 3 at offices of Cobbett and Co, Brown st, Manchester

Phillips, Francis Charles, Newcastle st, Strand, Gentlemen. Oct 6 at 11 at 8, Fleet st, Johnson, King William st

Platt, Thomas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Beerhouse Keeper. Oct 8 at 11 at offices of Von Demmer, Pilgrim st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Pratt, Benjamin, Coventry, Boot and Shoe Dealer. Oct 9 at 2 at offices of Lickerish, Watbrook

Pridmore, John, Great Brington, Northampton, Farmer. Oct 8 at 12.30 at offices of Fuller, Albert st, Rugby

Rawlinson, William Thomas, Crompton, Lancaster, Farmer. Oct 9 at 8 at offices of A-croft and Sons, Clegg st, Oldham

Rhodes, Charles Henry, and Alfred Edward Ogden, York, Mineral Water Manufacturers. Oct 15 at 3 at Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Old st, Ashton-under-Lyne. Toy and Broadbent, Ashton-under-Lyne

Rhodes, John, Felson, near Halifax, Ale and Porter Merchant. Oct 8 at 11 at offices of Leeming, Westgate, Halifax

Ridpath, Henry, Liverpool, Tailor. Oct 13 at 12 at offices of Pennock and White, Sweetney st, Liverpool

Robinson, John, Gateshead, Durham, Boot and Shoe Manufacturer. Oct 8 at 3 at offices of Stanford, Collingwood st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Rogers, Edward, Askerswell, Dorset, Miller. Oct 9 at 10 at offices of Day, West-Arlington, Bridport

Rowan, Samuel, Sheffield, Joint Manufacturer. Oct 15 at 3 at offices of Parkin, North Church st, Sheffield

Rude, John, Smithwick, Stafford, Draper. Oct 8 at 11 at offices of Shakespeare, Church st, Oldbury

Schofield, Joseph, Dewsbury, Mill Furnisher. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Ibberson, Westgate, Dewsbury

Scott, Thomas, Penrillonville rd, Marble Merchant. Oct 14 at 3 at Cannon st House, Cannon st. Lovett and Co, King William st

Sewell, Henry Sommers, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Solicitor. Oct 7 at 2 at offices of Hoyle and Co, Collingwood st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Shaw, Thomas, Hanley, Stafford, Trippe Dresser. Oct 7 at 11.30 at Harecaste Hotel, Kidsgrove. Stevenson, Hanley

Smith, Edward, Stratford, Butcher. Oct 8 at 10.30 at 43, Bromley st, Commercial rd East, Hicks, Victoria Park rd, South Hackney

Smith, Francis, Bristol, Bootmaker. Oct 4 at 11 at offices of Andraws, Nicholas st, Bristol

Snary, John, and David Morgan, Bristol, Wholesale Cabinet Manufacturers. Oct 8 at 1 at offices of Plummer and Parry, Bristol chambers, Nicholas st, Bristol

Spurr, William Henry, Wakefield, Grocer. Oct 6 at 3 at Royal Hotel, Wood st, Wakefield. Lodge, Wakefield

Stanway, Annie, Wolverhampton, Licensed Victualler. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Rhodes, Queen st, Wolverhampton

Stoker, Ann, North Shields, Innkeeper. Oct 10 at 2 at offices of Mallett, Collingwood st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Fenwick, Jarrow-on-Tyne

Swann, Nathaniel, and John Jeremiah Swann, Windermere, General Drapers. Oct 13 at 2 at Windermere Hotel, Windermere. Bowmans, Windermere

Sykes, Richard, Doncaster, York, Innkeeper. Oct 16 at 11.30 at offices of Gill and Hall, French Gate, Doncaster

Thompson, John William, Kingston-upon-Hall, Grocer. Oct 6 at 3 at offices of Stead and Sibree, Bishop lane, Kingston-upon-Hall

Threlfall, James, Kents Bank, Lancashire, Hotel Keeper. Oct 10 at 10 at Crown Hotel, Grange-over-Sands. Taylor, Barrow-in-Furness

Trice, George William, and George Alfred Crompton, Aldersbury, Carpet Warehousemen. Oct 15 at 2 at 145, Chesapside, Mason, Gresham st

Tudgay, John, Chilton Trinitry, Somerset, Dairyman. Oct 7 at 12 at offices of Chapman, High st, Bridgewater

Urry, Robert, Newport, Isle of Wight, Cordwainer. Oct 13 at 11 at offices of Rhodes, Langley st, Newport

Watkin, William Bateman, Harbury, Warwick, Farmer. Oct 7 at 3 at offices of Wright and Hassall, Dorman place, Leamington

Way, Ebenezer William, Seendley, Pendleton, Provision Dealer. Oct 13 at 3 at 229, Cannon lane, Salford

Wigham, Christopher, High st, Candon Town, Furniture Dealer. Oct 9 at 12 at offices of Ladbury and Co, Chesapside, Walker, Fitzroy st, Fitzroy

Whitworth, Jane, and Clara Chambers, Liverpool, Milliners. Oct 8 at 3 at 145, Chesapside. Standing and Taylor, Rochdale

Wilkin, James, Walmer rd, Timber Merchant. Oct 17 at 3 at offices of Dulman and Smiles, Bedford row

Wilkinson, Fletcher Frederick, Manchester, Blacksmith. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Kelias and Co, Peter st, Manchester. Higham, Manchester

Williams, William, Bettwycoel, Carnarvon, Hotel Keeper. Oct 13 at 1 at Erskine Arms Hotel, Conway. Griffith, Llanrwst

Williamson, Robert, Leeds, Footstap Salesman. Oct 8 at 3 at offices of Billington, Bond pl, Leeds

Wise, Abraham, Dewsbury, Rice and Shoddy Merchant. Oct 9 at 10.30 at Black Bull Hotel, Mirfield. Shaw, Dewsbury

Woff, Alfred, Ludgate hill, Restaurateur. Oct 17 at 3 at Guildhall Tavern, Gresham st. Taitam

TUESDAY, Sept. 30, 1879.

Archibald, Alexander, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Grocer. Oct 15 at 3 at offices of Warlow, Collingwood st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Arlidge, Joseph Churchhill, Wimbledon, Surrey, Schoolmaster. Oct 15 at 2 at 11, Ironmonger lane, Chesapside. Pullen, Basinghall st

Avercroft, James, Barrow-in-Furness, Ship Broker. Oct 17 at 2 at Imperial Hotel, Cornwallis st, Barrow-in-Furness. Thompson, Barrow-in-Furness

Barnes, John, Kingston-upon-Hall, Grocer. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Heald, Old Exchange buildings, Bowalley lane, Kingston-upon-Hall

Bird, Alfred Greenwood, Leeds, Boot Dealer. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Dalton, A lion st, Leeds

Bird, William, Birmmgham, York, Joiner. Oct 11 at 11 at offices of Billington, Bond pl, Leeds

Brooke, Benjamin, and James Gollifer, Preston, Lancaster, Joiners. Oct 10 at 2 at offices of Forshaw and Parker, Cannon st, Preston

Bunyan, Charles James, de Beauvoir sq, Kingsland, Plumber. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Cooper, Chancery lane

Campbell, Charles, Gosport, Hants, Lieutenant in the Royal Navy Oct 13 at 2 at offices of Boyce and Ridley, Brook st, Bond st

Catford, Alfred Benjamin, and Frederick Brown, Cripplegate buildings, Skirt Factors. Oct 14 at 3 at offices of Lovering and Co, Gresham st. Rooks and Co, King st, Chesapside

Chaplin, Joseph, jun, Paddington st, Marylebone, Fishmonger. Oct 12 at 3 at offices of Cooper, Furness st, Furness sq

Cheetham, Richard Howard, James Benjamin Dankerley, and Samuel Howard Cheetham, Clayton, near Manchester, Manufacturers of Cismists. Oct 21 at 11 at the Mire Hotel, Cathedral gates, Manchester

Preston and Young, Manchester

Coen, Joseph, Hastings, Printer. Oct 10 at 11 at offices of Mann, Robertson st, Hastings

Collins, John, Hempstead, Norfolk, Farmer. Oct 11 at 2 at offices of Tulett, Opie st, Norwich

Cooley, Alfred, and Francis Nicholas Kendall, Folkestone, Wine Merchants. Oct 13 at 3 at the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, Canterbury. Mowll, Dover

Copland, William Henry, Birmingham, Provision Dealer. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Burton, Union passage, Birmingham

Cornes, Joseph, Cholmondeston, Cheshire, Wheelwright. Oct 14 at 3 at the Swan Hotel, Welch row, Nantwich. Martin, Nantwich

Curtis, Sarah, Selby, York. Oct 13 at 1 at offices of Wright, Abbey place, Selby

Damant, Francis William Sancerf, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Solicitor. Oct 16 at 2 at the Crown Hotel, Ryde. Hooper, Castlehead, Newport

Davidson, Peter Gorrie, Wigan, Lancashire, Market Gardener. Oct 15 at 3 at offices of Mawson, Hamilton sq, Birkenhead. Bientley, Birkenhead

Davies, Morris, St Clears, Carmarthen, Coal Merchant. Oct 9 at 2 at offices of Lloyd, King st, Carmarthen

Davey, Frederick, Reading, Middlesex. Oct 13 at 3 at the Queen's Hotel, Reading. Blandy and Withington, Reading

Deighton, Henry, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Paper Hanger. Oct 14 at 1 at offices of Needham, New inn, Strand. Urry

Delany, Edward, Ystalyfera, Glamorgan, Ironmonger. Oct 16 at 12 at Duffryn chambers, Neath. Kenphorne and Son

Duff, Thomas, Appach rd, Bristol, Co a special Traveller. Oct 15 at 3 at offices of Lewis, Union court, Old Broad st

Dutton, Joseph, Patter, H-roford, Builder. Oct 13 at 11 at offices of Piper, Court house, Leisbury

Earl, William, Gawcott, Buckingham, Baker. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Weston and Barnes, Brackley

Eaton, John Walley, Liverpool, Builders' Merchant. Oct 13 at 12 at offices of Carruthers, Lord st, Liverpool

Edwards, Francis John, Coventry, Warwick, Paper Dealer. Oct 9 at 3 at offices of Lomas and Co, Temple st, Birmingham. Kilby, Coventry

English, Edward Henry, Dorking, Surrey, Builder. Oct 16 at 3 at offices of Finch, Borough High st

Finch, Thomas William, Askern, York, Innkeeper. Oct 13 at 11 at offices of Shriely and Co, St George Gate, Doncaster

Ford, William Marshall, Salisbury sq, Licensed Victualler. Oct 20 at 3 at offices of Van Sandau and Cumming, King st, Chesapside

Forth, Joseph Edwin, Kingston-upon-Hall, Hatter. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Munns and Longden, Old Jerry. Jackson

Foss, Mary Ann, Worcester, Shopkeeper. Oct 13 at 11 at offices of Tree, High st, Worcester

Garnett, John, Liverpool, Lancashire, Bread Dealer. Oct 17 at 11 at the Temperance Hall, Liverpool. Pearson, Liverpool

Geach, Robert Richard, 8, West, Nudds Havers, and William Squire Answorth, Chesapside, Manufacturers. Oct 9 at 11 at offices of Taylor and Co, Piccadilly, Bradford

Glanville, Edward William, Oxford, Coal Merchant. Oct 16 at 11 at offices of Mallam, High st, Oxford

Gooch, Simon Robert, Little Sussex place, Hyde park gardens, Plumber. Oct 8 at 3 at offices of Cooper, Chancery lane

Granger, James, and John Granger, Birmingham, Pencil Case Manufacturers. Oct 14 at 3 at offices of Johnson and Co, Waterloo st, Birmingham

Griffith, Richard, Wallington, Salop, Beer-seller. Oct 14 at 11 at offices of Taylor, King st, Welington

Guest, John, Canton, Cardiff, Painter. Oct 8 at 11 at offices of Miller, St Mary st, Cardiff

Gunner, Charlotte Johanna, Winchester, Straw Hat Manufacturer. Oct 16 at 3 at the Law Institution, Chancery lane. Bailey and White, Winchester

Gustard, John George, and Amy Louisa Gustard, Byker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Grocers. Oct 13 at 11 at offices of Johnston, Pilgrim st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Hack, William Joseph George, Balclutha rd, Barmouth, Lime Merchant. Oct 8 at 11 at offices of King, Watbrook

Hall, Edward, Barford St Michael, Oxford, Farmer. Oct 14 at 2 at the White Lion Hotel, Banbury. Stockton, Banbury

Hallday, Joseph, Framwelgate Moor, Durham, Grocer. Oct 13 at 12 at offices of Brignall, Sadler st, Durham

Hamer, Henry, Carnarvon, Licensed Victualler. Oct 14 at 2 at the Queen's Hotel, Chester. Hayward, Carnarvon

Hamlyn, Elias, Paigton, Devon, Boot Maker. Oct 16 at 12 at offices of Southcott, Post Office st, Exeter. Carter and Son, Torquay

Harding, Albert, Farnington, Berks, Plumber. Oct 14 at 11 at offices of Knecht and Tombes, High st, Swindon

Hawley, John, Birmingham, Fruiterer. Oct 14 at 3 at offices of Buller and Bickley, Bennett's hill, Birmingham

Hawkins, Thomas Bratt, Yardley, Worcester, Commercial Clerk. Oct 14 at 13 at offices of Foster, Bennett's hill, Birmingham

Hopkins, George Henry, Lancaster rd, Notting hill, Coach Builder. Oct 7 at 3 at offices of Cooper, Chancery lane

Hume, David Gibson, Kingston-upon-Hall, Grocer. Oct 13 at 12 at offices of Jacobs, County buildings, Kingston-upon-Hall

Jennings, Joseph Campbells, Fiver, York, Green-grocer. Oct 8 at 3 at offices of Cornwell and Watts, Queen st, Scarborough

Keane, John, Harpur, Printer. Oct 8 at 2 at the Trevillian Hotel, Manchester. Bishop, Hanley

Knipe, John, jun, Pontypool, Soudham. Oct 13 at 12.30 at offices of Tribe and Co, High st, Newport. Watkins, Pontypool

Knowles, George, Burton, Chester, Farmer. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Ellis, Eastgate, Eastgate st, Chester

Lee, William, Middle, Salop, Farmer. Oct 16 at 3 at offices of Clarke and Sons, Swan Hill, Shrewsbury

Lit'lewood, Charles Henry, Perry Barr, Stafford, Butcher. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Fallows, Cherry St, Birmingham

Lunt, Thomas, Sutton, Leicester, Licensed Victualler. Oct 14 at 12 at offices of Banks and Kendall, Church St, Liverpool

Maclean, John Rodrick, Davenport, Northampton, Tea Dealer. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Walker and Battiscombe, Water Lane, Great Tower St, Leobey and Co, Leicester

Mant, Frank, Southgate, Chichester, Farmer. Oct 14 at 2 at offices of Janman, East Pallant, Chichester

Mason, Arthur, Tabernacle Walk, Finsbury Sq, Dealer in Hardware. Oct 14 at 3 at the Law Institution, Chancery Lane. Vandarpump, Gray's Inn Sq

Mason, James, Blackrod, Lancaster, Grocer. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Robinson, Townhall Sq, Bolton

Meadows, William Preston, Syston, Leicester, Ironmonger. Oct 13 at 3 at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham. Free and Co, Leicester

Niethe, Alfred, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Merchant. Oct 10 at 2 at office of Joel, Newgate St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Mills, James, Rochdale, Ironfounder. Oct 13 at 3 at the White Swan Inn, Yorkshire street, Rochdale. Heap, Rochdale

Morgan, Tm Percam, Camomile St, Printer. Oct 17 at 3 at Guildhall Coffee house, Gresham St. Girdwood, Gracechurch St

Oliver, John, and Charles Oliver, Betheredon, Kent, Farmers. Oct 13 at 3 at Saracen's Head Hotel, Ashford. Hallett and Co, Ashford

Pinney, George, Highworth, Wilt, Tailor. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Beedle, Albion buildings, New Swindon

Pool, George, and John Thompson, Manchester, Surgical Instrument Makers. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Neatham and Co, York St, Manchester

Putnam, Richard George, Forest Gate, Essex, out of business. Oct 10 at 11 pt offices of Brewer, City rd, Finsbury Sq

Rapp, William, and Walter Rapp, Leicester, Merchants. Oct 14 at 3 at offices of Burgess and Williams, Bridge St, Leicester

Rees, Samuel, Winchcombe, Gloucester, Innkeeper. Oct 4 at 10 at White Hart Inn, Winchcombe. Smith, Cheltenham

Roberts, George, Llandodno, Carnarvon, Stone Mason. Oct 11 at 3 at Dudley Arms Hotel, Rhyl. Louis and Edwards, Rathlin

Roberts, James Harris, Swansea, Painter. Oct 13 at 11 at offices of Thomas, York St, Swansea

Robert, William, Leamington, Warwick, Builder. Oct 13 at 3 at offices of Wright and Hassall, Dormer pl, Leamington

Rolls, Ebenezer Baxter, Tottenham court rd, Hosiery. Oct 9 at 4 at offices of Pettit, Southampton St, Strand

Rose, George, Holly Bush Chase, Side, Enfield, Carpenter. Oct 15 at 3 at offices of Romney, Baker St, Enfield

Rowlatt, Alfred, Easton, Huntingdon, Farmer. Oct 13 at 2 at the George Hotel, Huntingdon. G-ches, Peterborough

Ryder, John, Birmingham, General Dealer. Oct 10 at 10.30 at offices of East, Temple St, Birmingham

Saunders, Thomas, Barrow-in-Furness, Joiner. Oct 10 at 11 at the Imperial Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness. Thompson, Barrow-in-Furness

Seward, Charles, Preston, Founder. Oct 14 at 12 at the Victoria Hotel, Fibergate, Preston. Johnson and Tilly, Lancaster

Beymour, George Lim, Bienenfeld rd, St John's Wood, Artist. Oct 15 at 12 at offices of Cronin and Rivolta, Southampton St, Bloomsbury

Slide, John, Southsea, Hants, Grocer. Oct 13 at 4 at offices of King, North St, Portsmouth

Sladen, Alfred, Bulwell, Nottingham, Grocer. Oct 11 at 12 at offices of Webster, St Peter's Church walk, Nottingham. Brown, Boston

Smith, Benjamin, Great Tower St, Wine Merchant. Oct 13 at 2 at offices of Bailey and Lawes, Bucklebury

Smith, Christopher, Newton Heath, nr Manchester, Sales Agent. Oct 15 at 11 at the King's Arms Hotel, Spring gardens, Manchester. Duckworth

Smith, Emanuel, Backwell, Stafford, Harness Maker. Oct 10 at 12.30 at offices of Swort, Chesepide, Hanley

Sowden, George Thomas, Ash-ton-upon-Medlock, Lancaster, Hair-dresser. Oct 13 at 3 at the Mirror Hotel, Cathedral gates, Manchester. Dewhurst, Manchester

Stretton, Thomas, Nottingham, Elastic Web Manufacturer. Oct 16 at 3 at offices of Payne, Bromley pl, Nottingham

Stubberfield, John, Halton, nr Hastings, Builder. Oct 11 at 1 at Green's Hotel, Havelock rd, Hasling. Webb, Euston rd, London

Swersey, Sander, Noble St, Furrer. Oct 16 at 2 at offices of Lovering and Co, Gresham St. Books and Co, King St, Chesepide

Tanner, Joseph, Torquay, Boot Maker. Oct 13 at 12 at offices of Lindop, Fleet St, Torquay

Taylor, Henry, Wolverhampton, Manager to a Company. Oct 20 at 2 at offices of Childs, Queen St, W-verhampton

Threlton, Esau, and Alfred Stanford, Hetey rd, Shepherd's Bush, Builders. Oct 17 at 11 at offices of Howard and Co, New Bridge at Tiedals, Emswary, Newport, Devon, Builder. Oct 11 at 10.30 at offices of Thorpe, Castle St, Barnstable

Tinsley, William, Runcorn, Chester, Licensed Victualler. Oct 16 at 12 at offices of Day and Lake, Bridge St, Runcorn

Trehear, Henry, Nelson, Cornwall, Farmer. Oct 18 at 11 at offices of Dale, Penzance

Turner, John, Birmingham, Aerated Water Manufacturer. Oct 9 at 12 at offices of Hawks and Weeks, Temple St, Birmingham

Turton, William Augustus, Brackenhill, York, Grocer. Oct 13 at 12 at offices of Richards, Market place, Pontefract

Wainwright, Thomas David, Widnes, Lancaster, Painter. Oct 5 at 2 at offices of Hazley, Victoria rd, Widnes

Wakenfield, John, Highworth, Wilt, Baker. Oct 11 at 11 at offices of Bonole, Albion buildings, New Swindon

Walker, John, Withorpe, Lincoln, Wheelwright. Oct 14 at 9 at offices of Tweed and Co, Alghra rd, N-gress

Waller, John Hobson, Heston Norris, Lancashire, Corn Dealer. Oct 10 at 3 at offices of Johnston, Vernon St, Stockport

Wheatley, Mary, Barlow, York, Farmer. Oct 18 at 11 at offices of Haigh and Son, Wide St, Selby

Whitehouse, James Henry, Manchester, Stationer. Oct 15 at 3 at offices of Hodgson and Haigh, Waterloo St, Birmingham

Willett, James, Hastings, Builder. Oct 11 at 12 at Green's Hotel, Havelock rd, Hastings. Webb, Euston rd, London

Willy, Freeman Crofts, South place, Finsbury, Clerk in Holy Orders. Oct 9 at 11 at offices of Allo's, Austinfrars. House, Bucklebury

Yates, Henry, Gomersall, York, Card Maker. Oct 10 at 11 at Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton. Curry, Cleckheaton

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